

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

The House passed H.R. 2207, making supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5881–S6002*

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1350–1367, and S. Res. 192–193. **Pages S5928–29**

#### Measures Passed:

**Negro Baseball Leagues:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 29, encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players on May 20th of each year, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6000–01**

Whitehouse (for Bunning) Amendment No. 1082, to amend the preamble. **Page S6000**

**North American Occupational Safety and Health Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, designating the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007, as “North American Occupational Safety and Health Week” and May 9, 2007 as “Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day”. **Page S6001**

**Honoring Gian Carlo Menotti:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded. **Page S6001**

**Idaho Potato Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 180, recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Idaho Potato Commission and designating May 2007 as “Idaho Potato Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6001–02**

#### Measures Considered:

**Water Resources Development Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. **Pages S5883–S5908**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 89 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 162), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5896**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2013.

Ravic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

Ned L. Siegel, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Lezlee J. Westine, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

John E. Osborn, of Delaware, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—162) Page S5896

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6002.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakely, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

## NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Casey and Representative Holden, David George Nason, of Rhode Island, and Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the effects of climate change and ocean acidification on living marine resources, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Feely, Supervisory Chemical Oceanographer, Pacific Environmental Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Scott C. Doney, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; David O. Conover, Stony Brook University Marine Sciences Research Center, Stony Brook, New York; Lara J. Hansen, World Wildlife Fund, and Admiral James D. Watkins, (Ret.) U.S. Navy, United States Commission on Ocean Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Gordon H. Kruse, University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Juneau.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and R. Lyle Laverly, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, who was introduced by Senators Allard and Salazar, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## ECONOMIC ISSUES FOR AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine economic issues for America's working families and middle class, after receiving testimony from Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, and Scott